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LOK SABHA

The following Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on the 24th August, 1956:—

BILL No. 45 OF 1956

A Bill to provide option for the Central Government Servants joining the Contributory Health Service Scheme of the Government of India.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. (1) This Act may be called the Central Government Servants (Option for joining the Contributory Health Service Scheme) Act,
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Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of India except the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. The Contributory Health Service Scheme of the Government
10 of India, shall be made applicable only to those Central Government Servants who apply for it.

Contributory Health Service Scheme to be optional.

3. The Central Government shall not impose compulsion in respect of choice of medical treatment and attendance to any Central Government Servant.

Avoidance of compulsion in the choice of treatment.

4. Any Central Government Servant who has on application under
15 section 2 joined the Contributory Health Service Scheme, shall at his own option be entitled to the indigenous system of medical treatment.

Treatment in indigenous system of medicine.

Rule making
power.

5. (1) The Central Government may make rules to provide for,—

(i) encouragement of the proper treatment in the indigenous system of medicine;

(ii) better facilities in the treatment and attendance to the contributors of the scheme: 5

(iii) regulating the conditions of service and recruitment of doctors, nurses, dressers, compounders and other staff;

(iv) efficient check over the management and working of doctors and the staff attached to the dispensaries and for testing the quality of medicines supplied; and 10

(v) X-Ray and Pathological tests and other facilities to contributors of the scheme.

(2) These rules shall be laid before both the Houses of Parliament.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

For sometime past the Central Government has been enforcing the Contributory Health Service Scheme for its employees in Delhi and New Delhi making it compulsory for the latter to make certain graded payment from their salary and receive medical attendance in lieu thereof in the hospitals provided under the Scheme. Under the present scheme there is no provision for treatment according to the indigenous systems of medicine. As the Scheme is liable to be extended to other categories of Government Servants and may ultimately mature into a National Health Insurance one, it is desirable to remove this defect and to make the Scheme more acceptable and comprehensive. Hence this Bill.

JHULAN SINHA.

NEW DELHI;

The 18th July, 1956.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING DELEGATED LEGISLATION

The rule making power under the Bill is of a normal character. The scope of clause 5 is limited to various important matters so that the Government Servants who have joined the Contributory Health Service Scheme may have full facilities of treatment and attendance in indigenous system of medicine as well. Besides, the clause is intended to bring in efficiency by making rules for the recruitment of efficient doctors, nurses and the staff.

M. N. KAUL,
Secretary.